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SUBJECT: LITHUANIA WILL NOT OPPOSE INDIA EXCEPTION AT NSG

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¶1. Robertas Rosinas, head of the MFA's Arms Control and Terrorism Prevention Division, told us on August 12 that the GOL will not oppose the exception for India at the NSG meetings August 21-22. He noted GOL concerns that India is not part of the Non-Proliferation Treaty -- concern shared by most EU countries -- and that this could be seen as a precedent. He added, however, that the USG working closely with India as well as the safeguards discussed at the IAEA meetings on August 1 mitigate the GOL's concerns and said that it is preferable for India to be working with the USG on nuclear technologies rather than searching for them in "grey markets." He also expressed hope that India will join the Non-Proliferation Treaty eventually.

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